

**THE BEND BULLETIN**

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Sic 'Em.

It looks like war. And we hope it is. If Hill and Harriman have a desire to fight each other in a railroad building race into Central Oregon, we hope the opportunity will afford them "scrapping" to their hearts desire. With both of them racing for the same goal, it is all the more certain that Central Oregon will have its long-delayed railroad.

Someone—believed by all to be Hill—has thrown construction crews into the Deschutes canyon to build a railroad over the Oregon Trunk Line surveys. With Harriman crews already at work in the same canyon, the people are very apt to see quite an interesting struggle for the next few months. Tactics that were employed in building the North Bank road will probably be employed on the Deschutes by these bitter rivals. That means a fight to the finish. As was stated to The Bulletin several months ago by a man prominent in the industrial life of Central Oregon, "You will witness one of the greatest fights in railroad building, in the Deschutes canyon, that has ever been waged in the Northwest."

Another important feature of this railroad struggle is that it undoubtedly assures a railroad across the state from north to south. There will be no stopping at some halfway point, with another weary wait for the districts lying beyond. The towns that have been building hopes on becoming a railroad terminal and consequently becoming quite a trade center will be disappointed. Hill wants a road east of the Cascades from the Columbia to California—San Francisco is the point at which he is aiming. With that as his generally admitted object, is it probable that Harriman will sit quietly by and let Hill build through this section and secure the traffic? Not at all. He will push his line across the state with never a stop. John Porter says: "We expect a fight that will make new history in railroad construction." And Johnson Porter quietly remarks: "If there is a race, we expect to win of course." With this sentiment prevailing there will be a fight to the finish and a race from one side of the state to the other.

And the people of Central Oregon will stand by and shout, "Sic 'em."

**The Liquor Question.**

The letter printed in last week's Bulletin and signed "A Heart-Broken Mother" stirred up no small degree of comment in Bend. An appeal such as was uttered in that letter always elicits the sympathy of mankind—an appeal from a mother worried to distraction over the waywardness of a son. The letter aroused considerable surprise as well as comment.

The mother who wrote the letter undoubtedly knows whereof she speaks. It is her bounden duty to go to the proper officials and lay her evidence before them. Her duty to her son as well as to the community demands this. The officials in Bend are ready and willing to do their duty, but they can not proceed without evidence. Give them the evidence and this mother can rest assured the law will be enforced. Deputy Sheriff Millard Triplett stated to The Bulletin that he would certainly perform his duty if this mother or anyone else would, at any time, lay before him evidence that liquor is being sold illegally. If a person does not wish his name used in con-

nection with the affair, Mr. Triplett states he will see that the name of the person giving the evidence is kept secret. But an officer must have evidence before he can proceed, and it is often most difficult for him to obtain it for the very reason that the man who is violating the law is always more than cautious when an officer is around. And it is also very difficult to get a man to inform on another.

Mothers, as well as others, who write unsigned letters to officers of the law stating this or that, make a mistake. It seldom accomplishes any good. The wiser plan is to go to the officer, give him your evidence if you have any, or state your suspicions if they are strong, and then he will have some grounds on which to proceed against the law-breaker, or on which to conduct an investigation. If this mother can prove anything, or if she knows that liquor is being sold, she should by all means confer with the proper officers.

The Bulletin aims to keep its eyes open and furthermore it has made careful inquiry regarding this question of the illegal sale of liquor. It is our opinion as well as the opinion of all those with whom we have talked, that Bend has at the present time as near actual prohibition as it is possible to secure. It is most improbable that liquor is being sold illegally by any business concern in the town. This is generally conceded by those who ought to know. A small

amount of liquor comes into the town probably every week, carried in from Shaniko, and ordered in by individuals. Most of this is taken to the individual's home for home consumption. Some of it is used for treating. If any of the boys of the town have been securing liquor, it is undoubtedly by this means. While there may be a little "boot-legging," it is the common remark that this has been almost entirely stopped during the past few months. It would be most difficult to stop the importation of liquor for private use.

The Prineville Review cites this mother's letter as proof of the inefficacy of prohibition. It is doubtful if the most ardent prohibitionist ever believed for a moment that prohibition would absolutely stop ALL drunkenness. But it is believed that it lessens that evil, and hence the anti-saloon man chooses to vote out the saloon. There is certainly much less drunkenness in Bend now than when the saloons were running wide open, and the ladies of the town can pass along the streets without fear of having a drunken, foul mouthed fool stagger out of a door and insult them as they pass by. There is not only less drunkenness but there is just as much, if not more, business than under the old condition. The town hasn't been killed by any means.

There is one sure test as to the efficacy of prohibition in Bend. That is, how would the citizens

vote today on the question if they had the opportunity? You may rest assured that the vote in favor of a "dry" town would be as large if not larger than it was a year ago.

**OFFERED \$100,000.**

**For Half Interest in Power Proposition at Cline Falls.**

REDMOND, July 27.—The Crook County Water, Light & Power Company have received an offer from Portland parties of \$100,000 for one-half interest in its power proposition on the Deschutes at Cline Falls. The directors had the matter under discussion at their last meeting, but reached no decision, the matter being laid over until a future meeting.

Everybody in this neck of the woods is wearing a broad smile these days, even those who are cheerfully hauling water from the river. The news from the seat of war in the Deschutes canyon looks so encouraging for early transportation that the lack of water in our canals at present is a question of minor importance.

Land sales during the past week have kept the real estate men here on the jump, actual sales being confined to property close in. Among the transfers were the Croup and Thompson forties to John H. Hall. Carl N. Ebert sold an option on 35 acres of his forty to M. M. Butts of North Dakota at \$5,000. He retains his house and five acres on the west side of the forty.

C. C. Scott and B. W. Baker spent two days in town looking for something good in the way of business and ranch investments, taking several options to Portland with them. They report that Portland people with money to invest are beginning to "sit up and take notice" of interior Oregon.

Three mysterious arrivals made their appearance in this neighborhood last week. It is hinted they are Hill men spying out what Harriman is doing. One arrived at Robert Immele's house, one at Charley Muma's, and the other is stopping temporarily at the home of his grandparents, Mr. E. C. Ricker. It is reported the young gentlemen have many callers.

H. F. JONES.

**Teachers' Annual Institute.**

Teachers' Annual Institute of Crook county will hold its annual session in the high school building at Prineville, October 19-20-21-22. State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, President W. R. Kerr, O. A. C., Professor A. L. Alderman, U. of O., and other prominent educators of the county and state will be present. Friday, Oct. 22, will be "School Day" at the county fair and a joint session of school officers and teachers will be held on that day. Let us make this a great day for the cause of education in Crook county.

R. A. FORD.

**Notice.**

Bids will be received for the painting of the Bend school building, as follows: One coat on the north side and two coats on the other three sides. Paint will be furnished by the school board.

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